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ASSEMBLY FOR FUEL CELL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF

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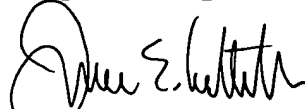
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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. JP `260, WO `236 and JP `511 were cited in a Search Report dated July 8, 2003 (copy attached).

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